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Applicant : S. WATARI et al  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Final Rejection) of February 14, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition and fee for a one-month Extension of Time also accompanies this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.